

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are now pending in the application and stand rejected. With this reply, claims 1, 6, and 7 are amended and claim 8 is cancelled. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-7 and 9-11 remain pending.

Support for the amended claims is found in the specification as originally filed, for example at page 4, lines 14-22. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 10, 2009 with the English language machine translation of Japanese Publication JP 2000-327847A, along with English language text of an Office Action issued in parallel prosecution of the case in China. The Examiner is requested to consider the IDS and return an initialed Form 1449 with the next response.

OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The disclosure stands objected to for the following informality: On page 5, Line 8, the phrase "provided with an access aperture" is grammatically incorrect. Applicants have amended the disclosure to overcome this objection. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Spencer et al. reference (U.S. Pat. No. 6,619,689). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as applied to the amended claims and request reconsideration.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the selected plastic material comprises ABS (acrylonitrile butadiene styrene) and PC (polycarbonate). This combination of materials is neither taught nor suggested in the Spencer reference. Accordingly Applicants respectfully request that the rejection, as applied to the amended claims, be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3 and 6-10 stand rejected as being anticipated by the Khoudari et al. reference (U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0185847). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as applied to the amended claims and request reconsideration.

Applicants have amended Claim 1 to recite that the selected plastic material comprises ABS and PC. This limitation is neither taught nor suggested in the Khoudari reference. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Applicants believe Claims 1-7 and 9-11 are in an allowable condition and respectfully request an early Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if that would be helpful to resolving any issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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